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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted further to Applicants' Continued Prosecution Application Request and Information Disclosure Statement submitted on May 15, 2000. Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 9 and 10 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 13 and 14 as indicated below:

10-13. (New) A method for treating disease amenable to treatment with a phenidate drug in a patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to the patient a dosage form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of *d-threo*-methylphenidate, said dosage form providing an *in vitro* release profile comprising two pulses of drug release, wherein said pulses are temporally

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